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KABUL & ANKARA FOR DEA

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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT

REFS: A) ISLAMABAD 1732

B) KARACHI 1931

1. MISSION IN 1973 NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PROGRAM
RECOMMENDED THAT DEA AGENT BE ASSIGNED TDY TO KARACHI FOR
THREE MONTHS (PARA 7H, REF A). PURPOSE CITED FOR ASSIGN-
MENT WAS TO ESTABLISH WHETHER KARACHI IS MAJOR CENTER FOR
OPIUM SMUGGLING. IN MAY 1973, SA HOLM OF KABUL DO SPENT
TWO WEEKS TDY IN KARACHI. DURING THAT BRIEF SPAN HE DE-
VELOPED LEADS ON CASES INVOLVING MORPHINE BASE
CONVERSION (CASE UH-73-0003) AND CONVERSION RAW TO POWDERED
OPIUM (UH-73-0004) (IN ADDITION TO OTHER CASES INVOLVING
HASHISH), WHICH DEMONSTRATED SIGNIFICANCE OF KARACHI FOR
NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, NO
FURTHER TDY DETAILS OF DEA AGENTS HAVE MATERIALIZED.

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2. IMPORTANCE OF KARACHI AS FOCAL POINT FOR DEA NAR-

COTCS EFFORTS IS FURTHER ILLUSTRATED BY FACT THAT ALL DEA CASES DEVELOPED IN 1973 HAVE ORIGINATED FROM LEADS PICKED UP IN KARACHI. SAIC LEAP HAS BEEN OBLIGED TO TRAVEL CONTINUOUSLY BETWEEN ISLAMABAD AND KARACHI TO FOLLOW UP ON THESE CASES. AT PRESENT TIME, DEA IS WORK-ON CASE IN KARACHI WHICH COULD RESULT IN SEIZURE OF AS MUCH AS TWO TONS OF OPIUM, AS WELL AS TWO TONS HASH-ISH (REF B). IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT LEAP'S PRESENCE IN ISLAMABAD ALL THE MORE NEEDED AS PNCB BECOMES MORE OPERATIONAL.

3. IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT ASSIGNMENT OF AT LEAST ONE DEA AGENT TO KARACHI WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHEN USG NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM HERE. KARACHI, AS PAKISTAN'S LARGEST CITY AND ONLY SIGNIFICANT PORT, IS IN OUR VIEW PRINCIPAL KEY TO DEALING WITH ILLICIT NARCOTICS EXPORTS FROM PAKISTAN. PAST SIX MONTHS HAVE PROVIDED EVIDENCE THAT LARGE QUANTITIES OF OPIUM ARE LEAVING COUNTRY VIA THIS EXIT. ASSIGNMENT OF DEA OFFICER ON SITE WOULD MAKE INTELLIGENCE LIAISON BETWEEN DEA AND PAKISTAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MORE EFFICIENT AND WOULD STRENGTHEN OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF DEA OPERATIONS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DEA HAS HAD ASSIGNMENT OF AT LEAST ONE AGENT UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR SOME TIME.

4. WE CONSIDER THIS MATTER OF CONSIDERABLE URGENCY AS GOP HAS NOT YET SET UP COUNTRY-WIDE APPARATUS (FIUS) DESIGNED TO TRANSFORM EXISTING HAPHAZARD SYSTEM OF NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT. THUS, NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT IN KARACHI STILL HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON DEA INITIATIVES AND EXPERTISE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED THAT DEPARTMENT HOLD EARLY CONSULTATIONS WITH DEA ON PROSPECTS FOR EARLY ASSIGNMENT OF AGENT TO KARACHI, IF PRACTICABLE ON LENGTHY TDY AS PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED, OR POSSIBLY ON MORE INDEFINITE ASSIGNMENT BASIS. IF CHARGE SOBER IS STILL IN WASHINGTON AND AVAILABLE, RECOMMEND THAT THIS SUBJECT ALSO BE DISCUSSED WITH HIM. PLEASE ADVISE RESULTS OF CONSULTATIONS. DECON 6/30/74. SANDERHOFF

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